

TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION: Presentation by the Intercollege Relations Commission

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Representatives of the executive committee of the Intercollege Relations Commission (ICRC) will make a presentation to the Board on the role, mission, and activities of the ICRC as it relates to transfer and articulation.

The ICRC is a voluntary association of higher education institutions in Washington that are accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. Representatives are appointed by the chief administrative officers of the various postsecondary educational institutions and by the directors of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) and the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB).

The ICRC facilitates the transfer of students among institutions of postsecondary education. The ICRC holds several meetings each academic year to discuss issues, to plan and review projects, and to consider how to resolve problems affecting the transfer of students and courses among its member institutions.

The ICRC was established in 1970 under its parent organization, the Washington Council on High School-College Relations.

The HECB has an “umbrella policy” on transfer and articulation among Washington public colleges and universities (first adopted by the Council for Postsecondary Education in 1984, by the Higher Education Coordinating Board in 1986, and amended in 1991). A portion of this policy reads as follows:

B. Intercollege Relations Commission

A permanent interinstitutional committee on articulation and transfer has been established in the State of Washington, titled the Intercollege Relations Commission (ICRC), a commission of the Washington Council on High School-College Relations. This Commission is composed of representatives appointed by the presidents of community colleges and baccalaureate institutions throughout the state and representatives from the HECB and the SBCTC. It exists to develop sound recommendations for intercollege practices which directly affect students transferring between institutions of higher education in the State of Washington.

The Intercollege Relations Commission has the following responsibilities:

- *Facilitating the transfer of students and credits between and among community colleges and baccalaureate institutions.*

- *Providing continuous evaluation and review of transfer degrees, programs, policies, procedures, and interinstitutional relationships which affect transfer of students.*
- *Providing ways to resolve disputes regarding degrees, course equivalencies, and other transfer-related problems between or among member institutions.*
- *Promoting articulation among the programs and curricula of member institutions.*

The Commission fulfills its responsibilities in the following ways:

- *By establishing and maintaining Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) Associate Degree Guidelines for interinstitutional agreements under which community college transfer degrees may be used to satisfy general education requirements of baccalaureate institutions in the State of Washington.*
- *By reviewing policies and procedures affecting intercollege transfer and recommending changes when appropriate.*
- *By sponsoring conferences, seminars and other activities that promote intercollege cooperation and articulation.*